

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Eastern District of Michigan

United States of America

v.

Melqui Sideth GALINDO-Aplicano

Case: 2:22-mj-30294

Case No. Assigned To : Unassigned

Assign. Date : 7/5/2022

USA V. GALINDO-APLICANO (CMP)(CMC)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of June 10, 2022 in the county of Saint Clair in the
Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section**Offense Description*

Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325(a)

Improper Entry by an Alien

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

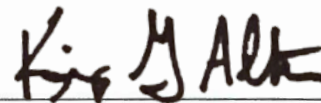
On or about June 10, 2022, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Defendant Melqui Sideth GALINDO-Aplicano, an alien from Honduras, entered the United States at a time or place other than as designated by immigration officers, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325.

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Sworn to before me and signed in my presence
and/or by reliable electronic means.

Date: July 5, 2022City and state: Detroit, Michigan*Complainant's signature*

Ryan Champion, Border Patrol Agent

Printed name and title*Judge's signature*

Kimberly G. Altman, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

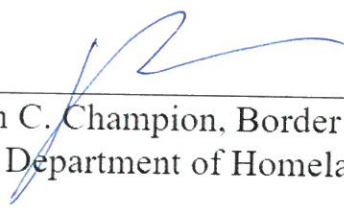
AFFIDAVIT

I, Ryan C. Champion, declare the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I, Ryan Champion, am a Border Patrol Agent (BPA) with the United States Border Patrol and have been since August 6, 2009. As a U.S. Border Patrol Agent, I am tasked with detecting, preventing, and apprehending undocumented aliens, smugglers of aliens, and illegal narcotics by maintaining surveillance and/or patrolling the international border with the United States and Canada.
2. I make this affidavit in support of a finding of probable cause that, on June 10, 2022, Defendant Melqui GALINDO-APLICANO violated Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325(a) (unlawful entry). This affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge, information provided by other law enforcement officers, and record checks of law enforcement and Department of Homeland Security databases. This affidavit may not contain all the information gathered during the investigation of this incident.
3. On or about June 10, 2022, Border Patrol Agents from the Marysville Border Patrol Station were patrolling in or around Algonac, Michigan due to recent smuggling activity in the Algonac area.
4. At approximately 11:30 p.m. agents in the aforementioned area were advised from a law enforcement communication center that a vessel with multiple people on board may be approaching the Algonac shoreline. Approximately ten minutes later, a Border Patrol Agent noticed a suspicious subject in or around the Russel Island Ferry at the corner of M-29 and Edgewater Road parking lot pretending to talk to someone. The Border Patrol Agent asked the subject if he needed any help, to which the subject responded "no." The Border Patrol Agent then asked what he was doing, and the subject said he was waiting for a ride. The Border Patrol Agent then asked the subject where he was from, and he responded, "I just crossed from Canada illegally" or words to that effect. During follow-up questioning, the Border Patrol Agent determined that the subject was in fact, present in the United States illegally, and is citizen of Honduras. The subject was identified as Melqui GALINDO-APLICANO.
5. Melqui GALINDO-APLICANO's fingerprints and photograph were captured and entered into the Automated Biometric Identification System

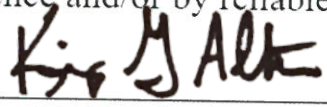
(IDENT) and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The record checks did not provide any evidence that Melqui GALINDO-APLICANO, has ever legally entered the United States after examination and inspection by an immigration officer or had been issued any documentation that would allow him to enter or remain the United States.

6. The aforementioned arrest and subsequent detention was an administrative, non-criminal action made pursuant to the authority found in sections 1357, 1225, 1226, and/or 1231 of Title 8, United States Code to arrest and detain any alien entering or attempting to enter the United States, or any alien present in the United States, who is reasonably believed to be in violation of any law or regulation regulating the admission, exclusion, expulsion, or removal of aliens.
7. Based on the above information, I believe there is probable cause to conclude that Melqui GALINDO-APLICANO, an alien, entered the United States on June 10, 2022, at or near Algonac, Michigan, at a time and place other than as designated by immigration officers, and eluded examination and inspection by immigration officers in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1325(a)(1) and (2).



Ryan C. Champion, Border Patrol Agent
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Sworn to before me and signed in my
presence and/or by reliable electronic means.



Honorable Kimberly G. Altman
United States Magistrate Judge

Date: July 5, 2022